

Interview Summary

Person(s) Interviewed: Martin Hestmark, Director, Superfund Division, EPA Region 8

Interviewers: Mary Kay Lynch (by phone), Allyn Stern

Date: December 9, 2015

Time: 7:30 am – 9:30 am MST

Martin Hestmark was interviewed on December 9, 2015, as part of an internal EPA After-Action review of the Agency's response to the release at Gold King Mine in Colorado on August 5, 2015. Martin directs the office responsible for the Region 8 response and served as a Senior Agency Official during the response.

Synopsis of interview

General Observations and Recommendations.

(b)(5) DPP

[REDACTED]

Notification

- (b)(5) DPP
- [REDACTED]
 - Satellite phone was at the Red & Bonita mine
 - Directly after the spill the staff onsite were concerned for their safety. This delayed the standard communication and the evaluation of the magnitude of the release

Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command/Unified Area Command Structure

(b)(5) DPP

[REDACTED]

(b) [REDACTED]
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Data and Information Management/Communication

(b) [REDACTED]
(b) [REDACTED]

Successes

(b) [REDACTED]
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